

A complete set of claims, including added claims 17-20, is attached hereto for substitution into the application filed on December 7, 2001.

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A method for manufacturing a floor mat, comprising the steps of:
bonding a cushion layer material to a user surface layer material; and
segmenting the cushion layer material.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of segmenting the cushion layer material further comprises segmenting the cushion layer material with a water jet.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of segmenting the cushion layer material further comprises segmenting the cushion layer material with a roller cutter.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of bonding the user surface layer material to the cushion layer material comprises bonding the user surface layer material to the cushion layer material with flame lamination.
5. A floor mat, comprising:
a seamless user surface layer material; and
a cushion layer material bonded to said seamless user surface layer material,
wherein the cushion layer material is segmented.
6. The floor mat according to claim 5, wherein the mat is rollable into a storage configuration.
7. The floor mat according to claim 6, wherein the storage configuration is roughly cylindrical.
8. The floor mat according to claim 5, wherein said seamless user surface layer material comprises a skin-compatible material.
9. The floor mat according to claim 8, wherein said seamless user surface layer material comprises vinyl.
10. The floor mat according to claim 8, wherein said seamless user surface layer material comprises carpet.
11. The floor mat according to claim 8, wherein said seamless user surface layer material comprises canvas.
12. The floor mat according to claim 5, wherein said cushion layer material comprises closed cell foam.
13. A floor mat, comprising:
a seamless user surface layer material; and
a cushion layer material bonded to said seamless user surface layer material,
wherein said cushion layer material is segmented;

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wherein the floor mat is capable of being rolled into a roughly spiral configuration such that damages to the user surface layer material due to the tensile and compression forces on said seamless user surface layer material are minimal.

14. The floor mat according to claim 13, wherein said cushion layer material is segmented such that effect of turning the rolled up floor mat on one end would be that the rolled up floor mat would settle into a substantially spiral configuration.

15. The floor mat according to claim 13, wherein said cushion layer material is bonded to said cushion layer material such that effect of turning the rolled up floor mat on one end would be that the rolled up floor mat would settle into a substantially spiral configuration.

16. The floor mat according to claim 13, wherein said cushion layer material is segmented and bonded to said cushion layer material such that effect of turning the rolled up floor mat on one end would be that the rolled up floor mat would settle into a substantially spiral configuration.

17. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting the cushion layer material comprises segmenting the cushion layer material into two segments.

18. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting the cushion layer material comprises segmenting the cushion layer material into at least three segments.

19. The floor mat according to claim 5, wherein the cushion layer material is segmented into two segments.

20. The method according to claim 5, wherein the cushion layer material is segmented into at least three segments.